

### Elections to City Corporations in the State

99 SRI B.B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Minister for Housing and Urban Development be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is going to hold the elections of Corporations of Belgaum, Hubli Dharwad, Mysore and Bangalore ;

(b) if so, when?

SRI DHARM SINGH (Minister for Housing and Urban Development).—

(a) Certain additional areas have been added to the Bangalore and Mysore City Corporations through notifications issued during 1979. Writ petitions are now pending before the High Court in respect of the areas which were added to these two Corporations. It has not been possible to finalise the territorial divisions of the above mentioned Corporations in view of the pending writs. Government was however considering how this difficulty should be got over in order to hold elections to the above two Corporations early and it has now been decided to rescind the notifications extending the limits of the above Corporations and to restore the *statusquo-ante*. Necessary further steps will now be taken and elections will be held by the end of this year.

(b) The finalisation of territorial divisions for Belgaum City Corporations has been held up as there have been representations that the time given for filing objections should be further extended. This question is also under consideration of Government and as soon as it is decided, further action will be taken to finalise the territorial divisions and to hold the elections by the end of this year.

The territorial divisions of the Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation have been finalised. The rules relating to conducting of elections to Corporations are being revised and the revised rules will be issued shortly. Elections to the Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation will also be held by the end of this year.

SRI DHARAM SINGH.—Sir, the Hon. Member has asked the question on 11-1-1980 and the answer now printed is dated 7-3-1980. After this, the Government has taken so many steps. So, this answer is not correct. Therefore, if you permit, I wish to make a statement in this behalf tomorrow or day after tomorrow.

SRI B.B. SAYANAK.—If the Hon. Minister wishes to make a statement, I have no objection.